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SUBJECT: DARFUR/NATO: FURTHER DETAILS ON TURKISH AIRLIFT
SUPPORT FOR AU MISSION

REF: A. ANKARA 3198

[1](#)B. ANKARA 3618

Classified By: Counselor for Political-Military Affairs Timothy A. Bett
s for reasons 1.4 (a), (b), and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) On July 13, PolMilOff called on COL Halit Yilmaz, TGS
J3 NATO Branch Chief, to discuss Turkish airlift support for
Darfur. Yilmaz confirmed that Turkey will provide one C130
from Sept. 20-29. Its mission--along with the Danes--will be
to lift equipment from Kenya and/or Chad to Darfur to support
the AU Mission. He understood that the equipment will come
from South Africa and will be lifted by the Dutch (perhaps
commercially?) to Kenya and Chad for forwarding to Darfur.
Yilmaz noted that Turkey was placing "limited caveats" on the
mission; he added that the Turkish C130 will have no
self-defense capability and that it must land on runways (he
explained that some C130s do not require runways to land, but
this one does).

[1](#)2. (U) Khartoum minimize considered
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